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WHEREAS; laboratory testing is critical to ensuring accurate disease detection, diagnosis, and treatment that physicians and patients depend on to help answer important questions about an individual's health, from cholesterol levels to genetic disorders to cancer detection; and

WHEREAS; medical laboratory professionals uncover health issues by testing and carefully analyzing blood and body fluids, among other biological samples, and are highly trained in lab disciplines such as hematology, microbiology, clinical chemistry, and immunology; and

WHEREAS; laboratory scientists and technicians that belong to this profession are important members of medical teams across Wisconsin, putting their skills and training to use in a variety of settings—from hospitals to private clinical laboratories—and meeting the healthcare needs of Wisconsinites 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS; throughout the coronavirus pandemic, our laboratory professionals have put in countless hours developing, validating, and implementing COVID-19 tests to help control the spread of the disease and keep our state safe; and

WHEREAS; according to the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science – Wisconsin, our state's laboratory professionals have performed over three million COVID-19 tests since the outset of the pandemic, on top of normal patient testing workloads; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals and organizations across our state in celebrating the efforts of Wisconsin's medical laboratory professionals, and highlights the important role they play in ensuring the health and well-being of all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 24 – 30, 2022, as

## MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Secretary of State